



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
May 13, 2025**

The Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District met this day in regular session both in person and by teleconference from the Port Naz Church Rooms 303 & 304, 2005 West Olive Ave., Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

President Borba called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Borba, Gisler, Witzel, McCowan

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, *District Manager*
Jeffrey S. Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer, Assessor/Collector*
Nick Keller, *District Engineer*
Aubrey Mauritson, *District Legal Counsel*
Matt Kidder
Kathy Briano
Allan Lombardi
Bill Morgan
Lisa McEwen
Jason Guthrie
Terry Schuler
Douglass Jackson
Nick Gatti
Blake Wallace
Armando Leal
Casey Schuler
Adam Mendoza
Seth Bowser
Bill Wallace
Donnie Silva
Numerous guests via Zoom

AGENDA – There were no changes or additions made to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – President Borba asked if there was any public comment.

Received favorable comment on the meeting location. Questions were asked about water delivery issues. Questions about NW Project and associated grant.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of April 8, 2025 with the following changes, Jim Guthrie was changed to Jason Guthrie and Larry Wilkinson in attendance.

PROPOSAL FOR PORTERVILLE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA)

Status Report: Report was given that PID was moving away from a Joint GSA with City of Porterville and moving forward with a plan for PID to be its own GSA.

Public Hearing: Numerous comments and questions were raised during the Public Hearing Session.

Consider Approval of Election to Become a GSA (Resolution 2025-05-01):

M/S/U McCowan, Gisler to authorize Approval of Election to Become a GSA. Resolution 2025-05-01 attached.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the District as presented.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial Reports: Controller Row reviewed with the Board reports in the meeting packet that included the March 2025 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. Also included in the packet are the California Asset Management Program (CAMP) account statement and the LAIF account statement for April 2025.

M/S/U McCowan, Gisler to accept the financial reports as presented and to place the reports on file.

Administration Report: Sean Geivet reported that there was nothing new to report.

Operations/Water Report: Sean Geivet reported that the most recent report for water delivery from Friant is expected to be 100% of tier one. Allocation was set at 1-acre foot/acre with a June start date. Also, no Class 2 Water is expected. Questions arose about the distribution of the \$50 URF water. Board stated that any irrigation water must be allocated when making an offer to water users. Short discussion was had regarding some water delivery issues and it was agreed that all recipients and impacted lines must work together when scheduling water deliveries. Jaye Street Diversion Dam was also discussed. It was concluded that more data is needed to make a decision on this water project.

Status Report of Authorities: TRA & FWA: TRA Sean Geivet had nothing to report. FWA: Nothing to report.

Success Reservoir Enlargement Project (SREP) Update: No new information to report.

Future Planning: District Manager reported SA3, SA1 and P1 projects are progressing. Funds have been set aside for the future funding.

PROPOSAL FOR PORTERVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN DEVELOPMENT: Sean Geivet recommended approval of the contract proposal from Luhdorff & Scalmanini.

M/S/U Gisler, McCowan to approve contract with Luhdorff & Scalmanini.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation [Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)] Porterville Irrigation District, et al. v. Friant Water Authority, Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. 314672.]

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation [Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)] Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al., Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU317284.

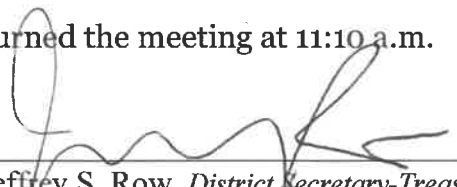
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CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation [Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2)] Cases: one

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code Section 54957.1

No closed session, therefore no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – President Eric Borba adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.


Jeffrey S. Row, District Secretary-Treasurer